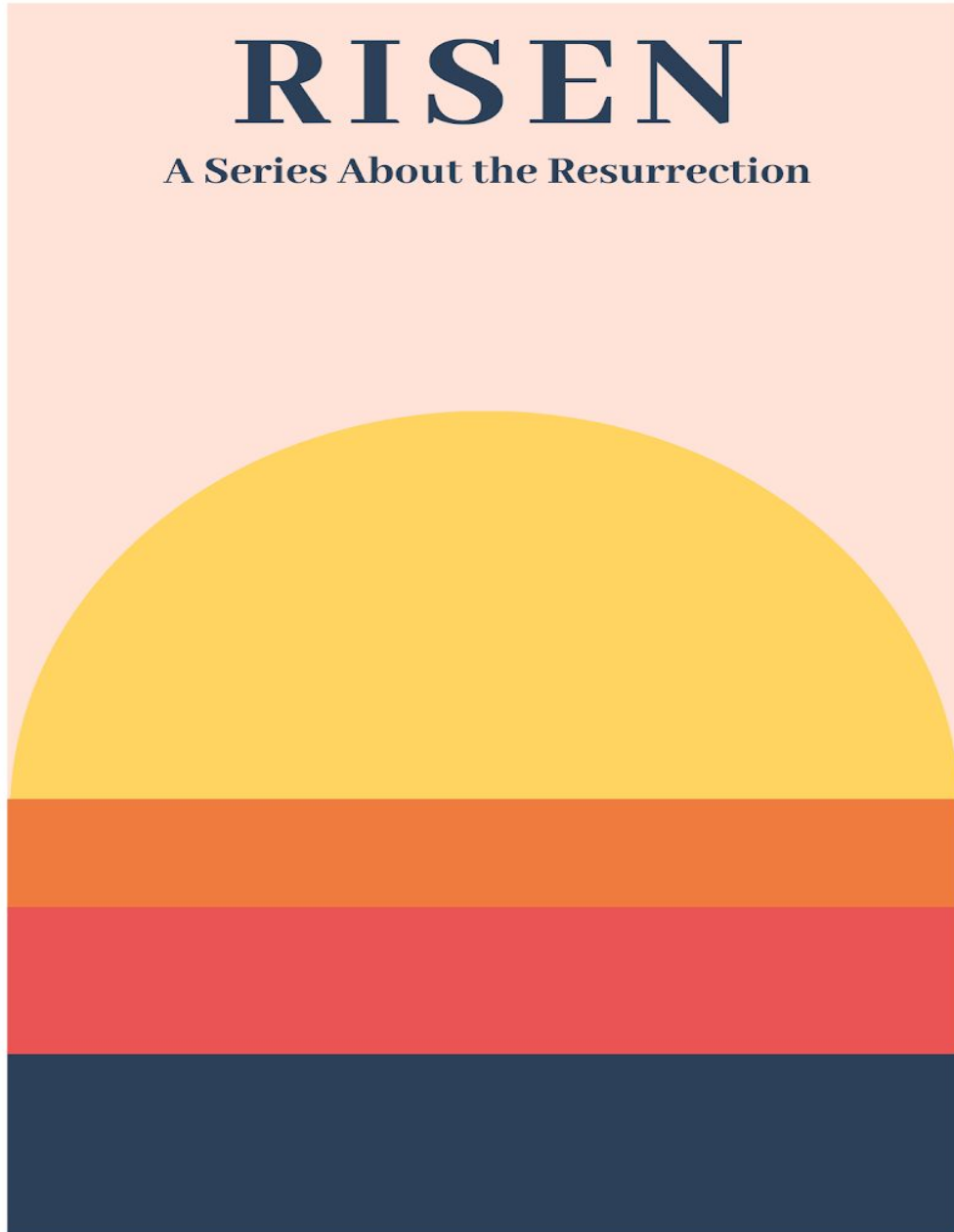


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A Series About the Resurrection



Risen: A Three Week Series About The Resurrection

As we prepare for Easter, let's study the resurrection!

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Week 1

Christ Is Risen

“We live and die; Christ died and lived!” - John Stott

Learning Activities

- Book of Questions: What invention doesn't get a lot of love, but has greatly improved the world?

Learning Readiness

Say: The Resurrection is a crucial aspect of the Christian faith.

Ask: What are some other things that are crucial to the Christian faith?

Bible Study

Lesson Objective: To get the students to understand what the resurrection is and why it is so important to the Christian faith.

Read: **Matthew 28:1-8**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee;

there you will see him. See, I have told you.” 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples

Knowledge Questions

1. What is the resurrection?
2. Why is the resurrection important?

Comprehension/Understanding Questions

1. What is the Sabbath?
2. Why is the Sabbath important and how does that apply to the resurrection?

Applications Questions

1. If you were in both Mary's shoes, how would you react to finding the empty tomb.
2. How does the resurrection apply to the way we should be living our lives today?

Synthesis Questions

1. Do you think that some of the disciples were nervous that there would be no resurrection?
2. How do you think you would explain verses 1-8 to somebody who was asking questions about the resurrection?

Evaluation Questions

1. Can you explain why it was so important for the Mary's to go and find the disciples?
2. What do you think Matthew means when he says that the Mary's "8 departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples."

Conclusion

Announcements

Leaders, communicate any announcements for your group and the ministry.

The Resurrection Should Cause Us To Worship

Week 2

The Angel has told the Mary's to go and tell the disciples what they have seen. The Marys go quickly to tell the good news of Jesus' body being resurrected from the tomb. As they are on their way to tell the disciples but Jesus met them along the way causing them to fall down and worship.

Learning Activities

- Book of Questions: What is the most creative use of emoji's you have ever seen?

Learning Readiness

Say: Worshiping Jesus is something we should be doing every day.

Ask: What are some ways that you personally worship Jesus?

Bible Study

Lesson Objective: To show the students how the resurrection should cause us to worship.

Read: **Matthew 28:9-15**

9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." **11** While they were going, behold, some of the guards went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. **12** And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers **13** and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by

night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ 14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” 15 So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Knowledge Questions

1. Why do you think the Mary's bowed down to worship Jesus as they saw him?
2. Why do you think the Mary's weren't afraid when they saw Jesus?

Comprehension/Understanding Questions

1. Can you describe why the elders gave money to the guards at the tomb?
2. Can you explain why the elders were trying to cover up Jesus' missing body from the tomb?

Applications Questions

1. How does the way the Mary's responded to the resurrection apply to our spiritual lives?
(*Worship*)
2. How does the way the elders and the guards responded to the resurrection apply to our spiritual lives? (*Cover-Up*)

Synthesis Questions

1. Why do you think the resurrection should cause us to worship?
2. Can you explain how at times we are like the Mary's and at times we are like the elders and the guards?

Evaluation Questions

1. How can we evaluate ourselves to see if we are engaged in proper worship?

Conclusion

Mary and Mary show us a great example of how the resurrection should cause us to worship. Jesus had truly risen and they could do nothing but bow down and worship their king and savior.

On the other hand, you had a group of elders and guards who were about to be in big trouble because Jesus was not in the tomb and tried to hide that he was gone by saying that the disciples stole his body. We see two completely different responses to the situation. Mary and Mary is an example that we should follow because the resurrection is something to celebrate in the form of us worshipping our risen savior.

Announcements

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The Resurrection Should Challenge Us

Week 3

“You are either making disciples or making excuses. Which one are you?” - Jonathan Hayashi

Learning Activities

- Book of Questions: What animal would be the cutest if it was scaled down to the size of a cat.

Learning Readiness

Say: At the end of this chapter we see Jesus challenge his disciples to continue sharing the gospel.

Ask: What excites

Bible Study

Lesson Objective:

Read: Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Knowledge Questions

1. Why were there only 11 disciples?
2. What is the “Great Commission?”

Comprehension/Understanding Questions

1. Why do you think some of the disciples doubted?
2. What are some important theological truths to share when you are sharing the Gospel with someone?

Applications Questions

1. What would happen if nobody ever shared the Gospel, even after Jesus commanded it?
2. What are some creative ways to share the Gospel?

Synthesis Questions

1. What scares you about sharing the Gospel?
2. What excites you about sharing the Gospel?

Evaluation Questions

1. What are some ways that we can prepare to share the Gospel?
2. Is the resurrection the end of Jesus' work?

Conclusion

The resurrection is amazing because it shows us how powerful Jesus is, but it is also beautiful because it shows us how merciful and graceful God is. The resurrection should challenge us to share our faith, especially since that is the final message that Jesus left his disciples with.

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